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SUBJECT: PERSONNEL CEILINGS, TEACHER'S VISAS

REF: STATE 187816

1. ACTION REQUESTED

: RESTORATION KEY PHRASE INCLUDING
TEACHERS WITHIN INCREASED PERSONNEL CEILING IN OUR
NOTE TO HUNGARIANS.

2. DELETION PHRASE SAYING TEACHERS MAY BE INCLUDED IN
PERSONNEL CEILING REMOVES KEY ELEMENT IN OUR DISCUSSION
WITH GOH FOR RESOLVING TEACHER VISA ISSUE.

3. AMBASSADOR HAS TWICE TOLD HUNGARIANS WE WERE
PREPARED TO INCLUDE
TEACHERS WITHIN CEILING (BUDAPEST
3162 AND 3490). REVERTING TO ORAL POSITION THAT WE
WOULD NOT POSE OBJECTION IF GOH CONSIDERS TEACHERS
AS COMING WITHIN CEILING DOES NOT CORRESPOND TO
WHAT THEY UNDERSTAND WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DO.

4. IT WAS ON BASIS OUR COVERING BOTH POINTS, I.E. SERVICE
OF EMBASSY AND INCLUSION WITHIN CEILING, THAT VARKONYI
INDICATED GOH WOULD AGREE. TEACHERS ARE GETTING
ANXIOUS ABOUT THEIR STATUS AND ITS EARLY RESOLUTION IS IN
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OUR INTEREST.

5. WE HAVE NO PROBLEM ABOUT TELLING GOH AGAIN THAT TEACHERS ARE NOT USG OFFICIALS. WE HAVE ALREADY DONE SO SEVERAL TIMES. WE COULD ALSO SAY THAT IF POINT WERE EVER REACHED WHERE WE WOULD NEED TO USE FULL PERSONNEL CEILING FOR USG EMPLOYEES, WE MIGHT WANT TO REOPEN TEACHER'S INCLUSION WITHIN LIMIT. THIS WOULD MEET WHAT WE ASSUME TO BE PRINCIPAL REASON FOR DEPARTMENT'S CHANGE BY SHOWING THAT IF UPPER LIMITS EVER REACHED WE WOULD WANT TO EQUATE USG TO GOH OFFICIAL PERSONNEL.
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